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### ON JUDGE SWAYNE

#### Royal Roasts for the Culprit Judge and the Foxy Senate.

The result of the Swayne impeachment trial has been quite generally commented upon in the Democratic press, North and South, but the Republican newspapers appear to have maintained a discreet if not significant silence on the subject.

The New York World editorially remarks as follows: "Judge Swayne was impeached for 'high crimes and misdemeanors,' but the Senate seems to have voted on the question of his politics. It is extraordinary that the evidence should have convinced all the Democrats that Swayne was guilty and nearly all the Republicans that he was not guilty. Judging from the vote, some thirty-odd Senators wished to convict Swayne of being a Republican and about fifty Senators wished to acquit him of being a Democrat. To state that this cleavage along party lines was unfortunate is to state the case mildly."

The World also sums up the result in the following schedule of vital precedents which it claims have been established by the Senate's verdict:

1. That a federal judge is licensed to accept a private car from a railroad placed in his charge by the appointment of a receiver and ride everywhere without cost to himself.

2. That such official may charge the government \$10 a day for expenses, regardless of what his actual expenses may have been.

3. That his place of residence is a matter of his own choice, despite the statute directing that a federal judge must live in his district.

4. That a federal judge may punish his political opponents, if he can confine his operations to proceedings in contempt.

The Atlanta Constitution says: "The Swayne case has been decided, but it will be some time before the odor has subsided."

The Louisville Evening Post says: "The verdict in the Swayne impeachment case is not guilty, with a strong hint that he hasn't done it again."

The Savannah News mildly comments as follows: "It may be that because so many judges do what Judge Swayne was charged with doing in the matter of expenses that the Senate refused to hold him guilty. And it may be that because so many high officials go on junketing trips at the expense of the railroads that it decided the accused wasn't so very culpable for using the private car of a corporation that was in the hands of a receiver and was in a position to request favors from him. Of course it would be hardly just to say that Judge Swayne's usefulness as the judge of the district court of the northern district of Florida is at an end, but it is certain that the majority of the people of that district haven't a kindly feeling for him, and would be glad if the government would give him a job elsewhere. He may resign but there isn't much probability that he will. That there was a political feeling in the decision there isn't any doubt. A glance at the way the Senators of the two parties voted shows that."

The Brunswick Journal "quite agrees with the Atlanta Journal that the acquittal of Judge Swayne by the Republicans of the United States Senate, is the putting of a distinct seal of approval on official graft. We also think it grants full letters of marque and reprisal to an already autocratic federal judiciary, bloated with the arrogance of life-tenure, and feeling the safety of judicial immunity from any possible defense of rebuke by the people."

The Buffalo, N. Y. Enquirer editorially remarks as follows: "That the lot of the carpet-bagger is not always pleasant is shown in the experience of Judge Swayne of Florida, whose impeachment trial was ended yesterday by a decision in the Judge's favor. Going from the North and carrying with him the rabid partisanship which characterizes the less conservative of the Republican office-holders, Judge Swayne should not have been surprised that his aims and his methods did not accord with the sentiment of the southerners. It is presumed that he was too arbitrary, too independent to please the southern idea of what should constitute a just judge. Very naturally, the vote in the Senate yesterday was along strictly party lines, and the result is not at all surprising. The strongest lesson to be drawn from the Swayne case is the unwisdom of giving a judgeship appointment as a reward for political services. There should be no partisanship on the bench. Its presence only lowers the dignity of the gown."

It is quite significant of the sentiment prevailing in Congress on the subject that in a few hours after the verdict was rendered Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, moved amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill, which were promptly accepted, restricting the expense bills of federal judges to "reasonable expen-

ses actually incurred for travel and attendance, not to exceed \$10 per day."

Among the Florida newspapers that have expressed their views are the following:

Perry Topics: Judge Swayne has been acquitted of the charges filed against him. This was expected, under the circumstances, and Mr. Billy Lamar doubtless feels that a lot of labor has been lost.

Jasper News: Judge Charles Swayne has been acquitted by the United States Senate of the impeachment charges brought against him. Now if he'll get out of Florida and stay out, we'll try and forget him.

Monticello News: It is highly significant that, on the count charging improper use of free railroad transportation, the vote was overwhelming--69 to 13. The Senate is jealous of its privileges. How could Senators, occupying seats bought for them by the railroads and other corporations, and with pockets stuffed with franks and passes, do otherwise than indorse the polite grafting of Swayne? In this, let us give the Senate due credit for consistency.

Brookville Southern Argus: Judge Charles Swayne, just tried in impeachment proceedings, was acquitted on Monday last of all charges against him by a party vote. They were proven and in the largest number admitted to be true by the defendants but were not considered crimes by the Republican Senate. The Republican party being in its own opinion higher than the law, its members cannot violate it, it seems. They only set it aside or ignore it. Partisanship is just the thing not to have in a country.

Jacksonville Sun: Fresh from the vindication granted him by a partisan Senate, he will come back to the people who repudiated him, unpurged of the charges that were made against him, which thirty-three good and true men in the United States Senate said by their votes were proven. He will perform his official duties with the knowledge that he holds his office against the wishes of the people among whom his duties call him, and that but few respect him. He had better resign and pass the rest of his days in obscurity, so that people will forget him and his vindication.

Palatka Times-Herald: And Judge Swayne has been acquitted. The Judge is a Republican, the Senate is Republican by a safe majority, so the verdict occasions no surprise.

DeLand News: When one considers to what depths politics have sunk in this country and how the country and the ordinary citizen is exploited for the benefit of railroad, steamboat and other corporations, he must marvel at what the country will stand. It is able to withstand this enormous exploitation only because of its natural resources, which are gradually being depleted. No one who knows anything about present conditions is at all surprised at the acquittal of Swayne by the Senate. It is only a continuation of the "system's" exploitation. The system is taking care of its children.

A political verdict, in every sense, was the decision of the United States Senate in the case of Judge Charles Swayne. The fact that the judge is a Republican and that he was appointed by a Republican President outweighed with the Republican majority of the Senate every consideration of guilt or innocence, as developed by the testimony.

Gainesville Star: Standard Oil Rockefeller's United States Senate, in vindicating Judge Swayne of the charges made by the House, made such a miserable failure in their work of whitewashing, by leaving the black spots on his judicial ermine as brazen and conspicuous as ever, that the veriest dauber will fail to pronounce that body expert painters.

Ocala Banner: If this had been some poor devil instead of a man wearing the judicial ermine of the country, there would be little question about his conviction. It seems impossible for members of a political party, notwithstanding the oath they take to rise above their party affiliations. Andrew Johnson, who had offended his party though he had been guilty of no offense known to outlaws, barely escaped conviction for "high crimes and misdemeanors." The commission that sat in the celebrated Tilden-Hayes case composed of members of the supreme court and members of the Senate and House of Representatives, supposed to be the most exalted men in the nation, cast their vote strictly on party lines. No member of the commission was able to vote contrary to the dictates of his party. So it is with the case of Swayne. Honor, justice and integrity, all are set aside. Partisan politics triumphed.

Our Friends of the State Press Talk About The True Democrat.

Manatee Record: The True Democrat is the name of a newspaper to be started at Tallahassee by John G. Collins within a few days. Mr. Collins is one of the best newspaper men in the State, and is of the old, true Jeffersonian school.

Jacksonville Metropolis: The True Democrat, with John G. Collins, as editor, reached The Metropolis office yes-

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

### Annual Session of the Grand Lodge Largely Attended.

The Capital City, duly impressed with the honor of their presence, has given the visiting Pythians a welcome quite characteristic and in keeping with its reputation for cordial hospitality. Many buildings on Monroe street exhibit flags and decorations in the official colors of the order, and the citizens have exerted themselves to see that the visiting knights and the ladies of the Rathbone Sisters, also convened in annual session, shall have no cause of complaint.

The Grand Lodge officers in attendance at the opening of the session were: Judge Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola, Grand Chancellor; M. W. Stewart, Palatka, Grand Vice Chancellor; Henry Horsler, Pensacola, Grand Prelate; W. H. Latimer, Tavares, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; W. C. West, Jacksonville, Grand Master of Exchequer; L. C. Lynch, Gainesville, Grand Master at Arms; J. Emmet Wolfe, Pensacola, Grand Inner Guard; C. Pritchard, St. Augustine, Grand Outer Guard; Rev. W. W. De Hart, Tampa, and Hon. W. H. Ellis, Quincy, Supreme Representatives; L. G. Chappell, Jacksonville, General Organizer and endowment bank.

The arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the distinguished visitors were in the hands of the following committee: F. T. Myers, B. E. McLin, W. A. Rawls, John W. Henderson, L. A. Perkins, K. E. Rose, H. Clay Crawford, P. W. Wilson, W. V. Knott, K. Hudson Burr, A. A. Murphree, W. E. Lewis, C. H. Dickinson, Geo. I. Davis, W. D. Watson, I. B. Hudson, A. H. Ginsberg, Walter Wight, J. A. Edmondson, Julius Ball, H. N. Sweeting, J. F. Hill, A. S. Wells, W. W. Hughes, J. C. Cahoun, A. C. Croom, G. E. McGriff, Arthur Williams.

According to program, the officers and grand representatives assembled at the Leon Hotel, and, forming in marching order, escorted by the committee and commanded by Grand Marshal Sweeting, with Grand Chancellor Hallmark and others in a carriage, proceeded to the State Capitol, where, as they grouped themselves on and below the eastern stairway, they were welcomed in a brief but eloquent address by Hon. John W. Henderson, to which Grand Chancellor Hallmark responded, also very briefly, in his happiest vein. The delegates then counter-marched to the Castle Hall, on McCarty street, where the first session of the Grand Lodge was opened at 12 o'clock. The sessions were, of course, secret, but on Wednesday evening an open session was held in the opera house, attended by a large audience, at which addresses were made as follows: On Benevolence, by Past Chancellor J. E. Wolfe; on Friendship, by Rev. W. E. H. Mabry; and on Charity, by Hon. Fred T. Myers, all of which were most excellent, highly appreciated and generously applauded by the audience. Excellent music was rendered by the Tallahassee Orchestra.

On Thursday the election of officers took place, with the following result:

Supreme Representative, Hon. W. H. Ellis; Grand Chancellor, M. W. Stewart, Jacksonville; Grand Vice Chancellor, Henry Horsler, Pensacola; Grand Prelate, Geo. M. Lynch, Gainesville; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. H. Latimer, Tavares; Grand Master of Exchequer, Wm. C. West, Jacksonville; Grand Master at Arms, J. Emmet Wolfe, Pensacola; Grand Inner Guard, J. H. Pritchard, St. Augustine; Grand Outer Guard, Hon. H. Clay Crawford, Tallahassee.

The choice of the place for the next annual session was also made on Thursday, Palatka being the place selected.

## RATHBONE SISTERS.

The Grand Lodge Rathbone Sisters, which convenes at the same time and place as the K. of P., was also well attended, the meetings being held in the Odd Fellows' hall. The following officers were present at the opening session: Mrs. Hattie Neville, Pensacola, supreme representative; Miss Virginia Lee Hatton, Tampa, grand chief; Mrs. J. C. Williams, Pensacola, grand junior; Mrs. Geo. P. Morris, Waldo, grand secretary; Mrs. Bena Maas, Tampa, grand manager; Mrs. Fannie O. Hinsey, Apalachicola, G. M. of R. C.; Mrs. Vashti Nedley, Pensacola, G. M. F.; Mrs. Richards, Wewahatchka, G. P.

Among the prominent Grand Representatives present were Mrs. R. H. Hilliard, Pensacola; Mrs. Kate Cochran, Key West; Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Cahn, Mrs. Morton, Jacksonville; Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Givins and Mrs. Glogowski, Tampa; Mrs. Stewart, Palatka, and Mrs. O'Neal, Orlando.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Mrs. Hattie Neville, Pensacola, supreme representative; Mrs. Geo. P. Morris, Waldo, grand chief; Mrs. J. C. Williams, Pensacola, grand senior; Mrs. Bena Maas, Tampa, grand junior; Mrs. Richards, Wewahatchka, G. M.; Mrs. Walzer, Jacksonville, G. M. of R. C.; Mrs. Vashti Nedley, Pensacola, G. M. of F., re-elected; Mrs. Brandon, Clearwater, G. P.; Mrs. Cochran, Key West, G. G.

terday, and it is brimful of live news matter and able editorials. It is far ahead of anything in the newspaper line that has heretofore emanated from Tallahassee, and it is typographically among the best papers in the State. The people of Tallahassee should give such a paper the greatest encouragement, as the State Capital has long needed a real newspaper.

School Exponent: Our old friend, John Collins is soon to commence the publication of a new weekly, The True Democrat, at Tallahassee. We are rejoiced to know Brother John is to mount the tripod again. The State Capital needs just such a paper as he can and will give it.

## PANACEA SPRINGS LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

PANACEA SPRINGS, March 8.—This is a week of gloom at the Springs, the like of which comes to us only once a year, and no one here but rejoices it does not come oftener. We refer first to the departure of that most estimable gentleman, Mr. William Spencer, the famous playwright, of Philadelphia, his charming family and their friend, Mrs. Regar, and two sons, of Morristown, Pa. The Spencers have been coming here for four years, and were this season joined by Mrs. Regar and her sons, who have been well pleased with the place is evident, inasmuch as they put in all of their time here save one day only, to be spent in Jacksonville on their return.

The other sad feature of the week is the departure of the wild geese. Monday morning they began their usual "drift," so well known to all hunters on the coast, and along in the afternoon they began leaving. Of course there are still a few here, but unless it should turn suddenly cold within a few days they will all be gone. The ducks, too, are going very rapidly, and there will be no shooting of any kind after the next few days.

But there have been other features that have not been so depressing. One of the miracles of the age, so to speak, has been taking place, and had its culmination this morning. A week ago today Mr. H. D. Durr, the brick manufacturer of your county, was brought here suffering so much that he could not walk a step and his case really looked desperate. He went to his room and kept the water, right fresh, sitting by him all the time, taking frequent and large draughts of it. When he went to leave this morning he surprised everyone in the house by walking down stairs with very little assistance and nimbly climbing into the hack which took him over to the station.

Among other recent arrivals are Mrs. I. A. Bush, Mrs. E. Bush and Miss Calista Bush, of Cambridge, Mass.; R. Clements and Mrs. F. C. Crum, of Pelham, Ga., and Mr. J. H. McFarland, of Lanark.

Dr. Edwin M. Newton, of Savannah, Ga., who spent most of the season here, left us Saturday. The family of Dr. Swendener, of St. Joseph, Mich., are expected daily. They are coming for a month or more, the fame of Panacea water having come even to that remote place.

Those who are too timid to be six miles from a physician, without means of quick communication, will be pleased to learn that the telephone line is again in working order. Messages can now be sent or received at any time.

Mr. Emmett Mitchell and wife, of Thomasville, Ga., who recently left us after a "week's stay" which was so pleasant that they prolonged it to two weeks, write that they had a most pleasant journey through the country, arriving home all right.

Dr. Frank Ridley, of LaGrange, Ga., writes to parties at Sopchoppy that he and his son will arrive there in a few days; that he will remain there for some time, his son and servant come on here for a month. An Atlanta club, of which the doctor is a member, contemplates the erection of a hunting lodge somewhere in this vicinity.

Madam Rumor has in some way connected my name with the state of your paper. I wish to state here that at no time was I consulted in any manner about the venture, nor am I in any manner, directly or indirectly, concerned in it from a financial or other standpoint. My visit to Tallahassee the day following its publication was purely a coincidence.

The Panacea Springs Hotel Company have the long bridge across Otter Creek well under way; that is, most of the lumber and large timbers are on the ground, which is a large share of the work.

A jolly party is expected soon from Bainbridge, Ga. They will go into the Townsend cottage and take their meals at the hotel.

Mr. Taylor, one of the administrators of the William McCabe estate, has been in this vicinity for several days personally inspecting the timber lands of the estate. It is rumored that all the McCabe lands in this county will be purchased by the J. P. Williams Company. This rumor is apparently given color by the fact that the treasurer of the J. P. Williams Company came down today and met Mr. Taylor. The latter abandoned a trip he was starting off on and they went into conference at Sopchoppy.

## RAILROAD COMMISSION.

When the present Commission was organized, it established a schedule of freight rates upon various classes of freight, including what has since been known as "Class P," which included lumber of all kinds, brick and other building material. It also passed an order permitting the transportation lines to establish, within certain restrictions, what are known as "special rates" on such commodities. This privilege has been enjoyed without complaint until recently, when a large committee of the Georgia Interstate Sawmill Association appeared before the Commission complaining that these special rates were unsatisfactory and objectionable, and asking for a revision of the rates, if the making of the special rates could not be stopped. Being advised by the Attorney-General that the making of special rates in such cases could not now lawfully be forbidden, the Commission, on Monday last, issued a notice to the officials of all of the roads doing business in Florida, in whole or in part, that at a meeting of the Commission to be held at Tallahassee March 23, at 10 o'clock a. m., the question of amending classification No. 1, by striking out "lumber and lath, l. c. 1--2-3 of 6," and substituting therefor "lumber and lath, l. c. 1--1-2 of 6." Also to amend the schedule of freight tariffs now known as "Class P," by a reduction of the rates stated therein, as set forth in the Commission's order and notice. Should these changes, after the hearing set down as above, be made by the Commission, they will affect not only the rates now charged for car loads to export points, but also rates on all smaller shipments, from all points to all points within the State.

## DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

### Items of Interest from the Various State Departments.

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Governor Broward has appointed the following delegates to the Tuberculosis convention, which meets in Atlanta April 17: Dr. H. E. Palmer, Tallahassee; Dr. E. Androde, Dr. F. P. Hoover, Dr. E. N. Liell, Dr. P. J. Stollenwerck, Dr. J. Y. Porter, State Health Officer, Dr. W. E. Warren, Jacksonville; Dr. Louis DeM. Blocker, Dr. Warren E. Anderson, Dr. J. Hargis Pierpont, Dr. Frank G. Renshaw, Dr. C. W. D'Alemberte, Pensacola; Dr. J. H. Hodges, Dr. N. D. Phillips, Gainesville; Dr. J. M. Jackson, Jr., Dr. W. B. Bush, Miami; Dr. J. S. Helms, Dr. L. W. Weedon, Dr. J. A. Bize, Dr. F. H. Caldwell, Tampa; Dr. J. N. Fogarty, Dr. J. B. Maloney, Key West; Dr. W. DeWitt Webb, St. Augustine; Dr. E. C. Atwood, Dr. H. H. Seelye, Daytona; Dr. F. Airth, Dr. C. S. Brown, Live Oak; Dr. A. L. Blalock, Madison; Dr. J. D. Bennett, Dr. H. M. Taylor, Crystal River; Dr. G. W. Lamar, Quincy; Dr. Hiram Byrd, Kissimmee; Dr. W. L. Hughlett, Cocoa; Dr. John Ham, Malabar; Dr. N. A. Baltzell, Marianna; Dr. N. R. Phillips, Graceville; Dr. J. C. Pelot, Manatee; Dr. R. L. Goodbread, Mayo; Dr. John MacDiarmid, DeLand.

Hon. J. Clifford R. Foster has been reappointed Adjutant-General of the State for the ensuing four years.

George B. Ellis, Lake City, has been appointed treasurer of Columbia county for the unexpired term of J. L. Turner, deceased.

Notaries public for the State at large: Miss Jeanette Stoy, Jacksonville; C. E. Mackey, St. Augustine; C. S. Sessions, Butler; M. G. Brown, Lake City; T. C. Bryan, Wainwright; J. S. Thrasher, Ybor City; D. M. Gornot, Starke; C. C. Odum, Providence; J. M. Junkins, Chipley; A. B. Torrey, Crescent City; J. E. Armstrong, Arpeka; S. Braah, Apalachicola; J. W. Johnson, Alafia; R. H. Seymour, Miami; W. W. Dewhurst, St. Augustine.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

The following letters patent have been issued during the week:

Miami Realty, Loan and Guaranty Company, \$100,000, to buy and sell real estate, etc. Incorporators: W. W. Prout, W. D. Sturtevant, C. M. Terrell, M. D. Price.

Henry Giddens Clothing Company, Tampa, \$75,000, to do a general mercantile business, etc. Officers: W. B. Henderson, president; I. S. Giddens, vice president; L. Gates, secretary; H. C. Giddens, treasurer and manager.

Florida Orange and Commercial Company, Jacksonville, \$10,000, to buy, sell, lease, etc., real estate, farm products, etc. Incorporators: D. T. Gerow, F. G. Yerkes, C. B. Potter, R. E. Smith, B. Burbridge.

Apopka Water, Light and Ice Company, \$3,000, to manufacture, etc., electricity and ice. Officers: A. C. Starbird, president; H. H. Witherington, vice president; J. D. Mitchell, secretary and treasurer; C. R. Converse and A. M. Starbird, directors.

#### SUPREME COURT PROCEEDINGS.

John D. Robertson, plaintiff in error, vs. J. Albert Hinson, Jr., defendant in error--Marion county. Judgment affirmed (Division A) per curiam without opinion. William Hocker for plaintiff in error; no appearance for defendant in error.

E. E. Ropes, plaintiff in error, vs. E. H. Stearns, defendant in error--Putnam county. Judgment affirmed (Division A) without written opinion. E. E. Ropes, in pro per; no appearance for defendant in error.

E. E. Ropes, plaintiff in error, vs. J. F. Allen, defendant in error--Putnam county. Judgment affirmed (Division A) without written opinion. E. E. Ropes, in pro per; no appearance for defendant in error.

E. E. Ropes, plaintiff in error, vs. C. W. Lansing et al., defendants in error--Volusia county. Writ of error dismissed (Division A) because no final judgment was shown by the record. Opinion by Justice Carter. E. E. Ropes, in pro per; no appearance for defendants in error.

John Clafin, appellant, vs. W. W. Langford, appellee--DeSoto county. Appeal dismissed (Division B) per curiam without written opinion. Forrester & Burton for appellant; no appearance for appellee.

The State of Florida, by J. B. Whitfield, Attorney-General, appellant, vs. E. R. Marsh et al., appellees--Manatee county. Appeal dismissed (Division B) per curiam without written opinion. Victor H. Knight (with whom was E. B. Drumright on the brief) for appellant; no appearance for appellees.

The court stands adjourned until Tuesday, March 14th, next.

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